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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 300-5-30

SUBJECT: LTC – CREP II JOINT TRAINING

Purpose. To inform field offices with CREP II counties that joint training by FSA, NRCS and BWSR is scheduled.

Expiration Date. December 31, 2005.

All field offices with counties in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program II (CREP II) are invited to participate in joint training by FSA, NRCS and BWSR. The training will be conducted using FSA's My Meeting Teleconference process and is scheduled on Wednesday, March 30, 2005. The training will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 Noon. As the final pieces of Minnesota's CREP II application are being finalized by the State of Minnesota and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Minnesota's CREP II work team felt that preliminary CREP II training should occur with all interested parties. We are aware that there may be conflicts with other events scheduled on this date; however, to find a date open to the trainers was difficult and we did not want to delay this preliminary CREP II Training further.

The CREP II Preliminary My Meeting Training will be very similar to FSA/NRCS's recently held CCRP Technical Training. It is important that all CREP II counties, NRCS and FSA field offices, SWCDs, watershed districts and other interested parties are in attendance. USDA Service Centers in CREP II areas have been reserved for this training. CREP II training participants will have to go to their local USDA Service Center to participate in this session. We would also ask that you share this notice with any other interested parties.

CREP II involves counties located within the Lower Mississippi River Watershed in southeast Minnesota, Red River Valley Watershed in northwest Minnesota and the Des Moines/Missouri River Watershed in southwest Minnesota. A map of the counties involved with CREP II is attached. You will find the CREP II boundaries involve both entire counties and in some cases only portions of counties.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ginger Kopp at ginger.kopp@mn.usda.gov or at 651-602-7909.

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